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Viewing cable 09BERLIN601,

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Understanding cables

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- The top box shows each cable's unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
09BERLIN601	2009-05-20 16:50	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Berlin

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.aftenposten.no/spesial/wikileaksdokumenter/article3969917.ece>

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RUEHFR/AMEMBASSY PARIS 0419
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Classified By: Global Affairs Unit Chief Don L. Brown for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (C) SUMMARY: Germanys plans to develop a space-based High Resolution Optical System (HiROS) capability by 2013 stand to challenge Frances c
GERMANY DEVELOPING HIROS DESPITE FRENCH OPPOSITION -----
2. (C) On 28 January 2009, Dr. Andreas Eckardt, DLR Head of Optical Sensors and Electronics, told EconOff that absolutely no cooperation with
3. (C) Thomas Walati, Astrium-Friedrichshafen sales associate and DLR consultant, echoed Eckardts sentiments in an Embassy meeting on May 5, s
FENDING OFF THE FRENCH -----
4. (C) Without going into details, Walati claimed that a German/US cooperative agreement on HiROS would fend off the French opposition. He str
FRANCE SWEETENS THE DEAL -----
5. (C) Walati said Paris continues to "subsidize" French firms, bids to sell French imagery and/or complete satellite systems and are offering
EFFECT ON THE EU DEFENSE SATELLITE CONSORTIUM "MUSIS" -----
6. (C) Germany,s development of an autonomous HiROS system could reduce their need to participate in the Multinational Space-Based Imaging Sys
DLR/ASTRIUM LOOKING TO THE US FOR POSSIBLE PARTNERSHIP -----
7. (C) Eckardt and Dr. Cornelia Riess, DLR Head of International Cooperation, said that DLR is pressing forward in Phase B of the HiROS projec
ASTRIUMS SALES PITCH TO THE U.S. -----
8. (C) If German/American cooperation can be worked out on HiROS, Walati envisions that Astrium-Friedrichshafen/DLR would build three satellit
components and not/not aiming for an International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR)-free design. Walati expressed a desire to organize a meet
COMMENT -----
9. (C) Although HiROS is not yet a funded program, Astrium-Friedrichshafen and DLR are aggressively marketing it with the goal of a completed
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